

Girlfriend: Arnett bragged about shooting

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

EDWARDSVILLE — Alleged highway sniper Gene Arnett's former girlfriend testified in Madison County Circuit Court Friday that Arnett had bragged about shooting at a car the evening after Todd Scrum was killed, but she didn't believe him at the time.

Victoria Cleveland, 25, Alton, testified she had met Arnett at Off Broadway, a nightclub in Alton, and that he had told her about the shooting as she drove the River Road to a party in Godfrey. There, she said, he repeated the story to people at the party.

A few days later, Arnett called her on the phone, Cleveland testified, while she watched a story about Scrum on the news.

"He asked me what I was doing and I told him watching the news and he said yeah. I said I'd seen it on TV and knew it was true. He said I told you," Cleveland said.

Arnett is charged with first-degree murder in the shotgun killing of Scrum on Interstate 270 north of Granite City on Oct. 24. Cleveland's testimony came on the third day of the trial.

She testified Arnett told her that after "some guy" hit his car, he had chased after the car and pulled beside it, but the driver refused to pull over.

"He said the guy flipped him the bird (gestured) so Gene said he jumped in the back seat and blew

his windshield out," Cleveland said.

Wanda and Eldon Smith, residents of the house in Godfrey, and Glen and Kethra Rhoades, who were present that night, all testified that Arnett had told them a story about "a car he blew off the road."

'On the phone he said he never meant to kill the guy, just blow his windshield out.'

Victoria Cleveland,
Arnett's former girlfriend

Janet Storey, Cottage Hills, also at the Rhoades' house that evening, testified she had not heard the story.

Glen Rhoades testified Arnett said he had shot the windshield of a car. Eldon Smith testified that Arnett might have said he shot the windshield or passenger door; he didn't remember.

Wanda Smith said she and Kethra Rhoades had been in another room and heard only parts of the story in which Arnett said he "blew a car off the road," but was unsure of his exact meaning.

Kethra Rhoades testified he had said he "blew the doors off" a car and, in cross examination, said the idea that he meant he had shot the car never crossed her mind until later.

Cleveland also testified that Arnett telephoned her again a few days later to say goodbye because the police had his car at a truck stop on Illinois 3

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Tells about 'smiley-face' letters

EDWARDSVILLE — Gene Arnett, 29, sat with his back to the courtroom crowd, his golden brown hair hanging on his shoulders.

Arnett's thin, long-sleeved sweater covered his arms and most of the blue tattoos of a dagger, a skull in a top hat, and other death symbols — the bottom of one tattoo sneaked below his left sleeve.

The beard Arnett wore when arrested Nov. 21 had been shaved, but he still wore a mustache. While escorted to and from Circuit Judge Philip Rietke's courtroom, Arnett also wore a thick, brown leather belt fitted with cuffs that forced his hands together at the waist, and leg irons that restricted the length of his strides.

Accused of the nationally publicized Oct. 24 highway killing of Todd Scrum, 21, Granite City, and the death Oct. 23 of Nancy J. Bennett, 28, a Huck's store clerk in Pontoon Beach, Arnett sat quietly listening to testimony Friday morning.

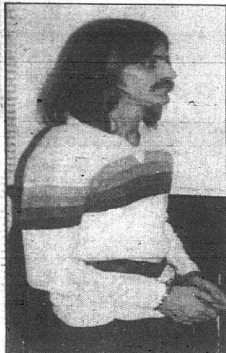
Among those testifying was his former girlfriend, Vicki Cleveland, 25, Alton.

A brunette in blue jeans that looked painted on, and a halter top revealing a bare midriff, Cleveland captivated the courtroom with her testimony.

Arnett, she said, called her one night while the news of the highway murder played on television. She told the court that he bragged about shooting Scrum.

"See, I told you I did it," Cleveland said Arnett told her.

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Gene Arnett

Uncertainty at Wal-Mart

By Paul Guggina
Staff writer

Depending on which Wal-Mart secretary you talk to, Granite City's quest for a discount store of its own is either impressive, uncertain, or overwhelming.

The letter-writing campaign to attract a Wal-Mart to the downtown area is in full swing. Hundreds of letters have already been mailed to Wal-Mart headquarters in Bentonville, Ark., and Mayor Von Dee Cruse plans to hand-deliver thousands more Tuesday.

Meanwhile, in Bentonville, the words "Granite City" are drawing mixed reactions.

"I hope I don't have to open all those letters," said Sam Walton's secretary, who asked to be identified only by her first name, Loretta.

Loretta said Walton hasn't read any of the letters — "He's out of town about 90 percent of the time," she said. "As soon as I get them I just forward them to our real estate department."

The executive in charge of real estate and development couldn't be reached Friday. Nor could the regional development director for Illinois. His secretary referred all comments to public relations director Stacy Duncan.

Duncan couldn't be reached, either. But her assistant, who asked not to be identified, did have a statement.

"We have no interest in the Granite City area," she said.

When asked whether the thousands of Granite Citizens who are writing to Sam Walton are wasting their time, the unidentified assistant responded, "I don't know."

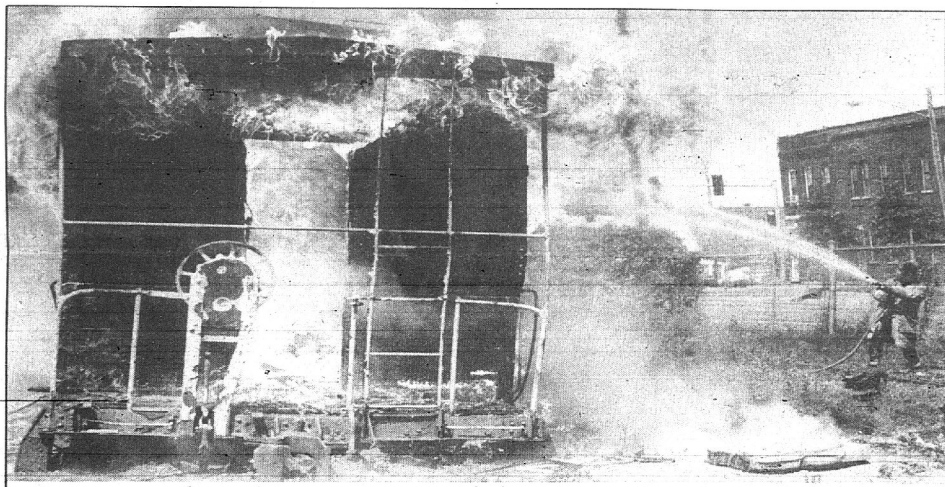
The secretary for the regional development director for Illinois had a different response.

"No, they're not wasting their time," said the secretary, Kathy Keith. "We don't have any immediate plans for the Granite City area, but that could change."

Keith said Wal-Mart officials hold yearly meetings to discuss potential store sites. Granite City isn't in this year's plans, Keith said, but would surely be discussed in the future.

The letters will draw attention to the city, Keith said, but she

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Right on target

BLAZING CABOOSE. White hot flames inside a derelict railway caboose send billows of smoke and heat toward a Granite City fireman drenching the fire at about 11 a.m.

(Staff Photo by Jack C. Ventimiglia)

Friday. The dismantled caboose was near West 20th Street and the west end of the 19th Street overpass.

City repeats last year's budget, but expects new result this year

GRANITE CITY — Despite having all but three departments operate under budget last year the city ran nearly a half million dollars in the red.

The budget was projected to have had a surplus of \$11,359.

There are, line for line, few, if any, drastic differences between last year's budget and the budget approved at the City Council meeting June 7 for this year (May 1988-April 1989). The projected surplus is \$7,010.

"(The deficit) is not going to happen again," Mayor Von Dee Cruse said. "That's why Mac (Comptroller Kip MacTaggart) is the highest paid employee in the city; to make these things work."

The excess spent in the three accounts, \$107,509, was more than covered by the \$228,270 not spent in the lift station-sewer

maintenance account.

Since \$103,286 of the excess spending was by the street and alley account and since it and the lift station-sewer maintenance account fall under the Street Department, the argument could be made that only two departments ran over budget for a total of \$4,203 — the City Clerk by \$919 and Planning and Zoning by \$3,284.

The deficit, \$460,513, can be partially attributed to the \$307,038 not collected from the 1986 tax levy, MacTaggart said.

After the writing off of 9.3 percent as uncollectible, \$338,045 reappears as projected revenue in the new budget and, MacTaggart said, he already has the check in hand.

Only a 5 percent write-off, \$142,293, is projected for the 1987 levy. This amount is based

on the average for years preceding the last one.

Last year was an exception, MacTaggart said, due in part to tax bills being sent out late and also to appeals by several large real estate holders. The levy was \$2,845,862 for both years.

"I've been somewhat conservative in my estimates of revenue and been the other way on the expenditures," MacTaggart said. "Hopefully, there will be a bigger surplus than budgeted."

This year's projected surplus has already been at least partly spent — the aldermen voted approval June 7 of a non-union payment of attorney fees that have been, and are being, incurred by the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners.

Village cracks down on derelict cars

By Valerie Evenden

PONTON BEACH — "We have tagged 31 cars to date," Police Chief Chet Ballew reported at the June 14 Village Board meeting.

"All (tagged cars) were in the apartments area," he said, referring to the Oakmont complex.

The department plans to extend its tagging process on derelict or abandoned vehicles into other areas.

"We have about 42 vehicles on the list," Ballew said.

At least two trustees said they have others to add to the list. Village officials have received numerous complaints from residents about abandoned or junked cars.

Derelict vehicles now can be declared a public nuisance and steps can be taken against the owners if the cars are not removed, states an ordinance which went into effect May 6.

Fines and towing fees for removal of wrecked vehicles are included in the measure.

A vouchers petty cash fund to enable the police department to mail certified letters to property owners where junked cars are found was authorized at the June 14 meeting.

A 10-day notice to the owner or occupant of private property where a derelict vehicle is located will be posted on the property and a copy sent by certified mail.

Those receiving a notice may file a written request for a hearing before the Village Board within 10 days.

If a hearing is not sought and the vehicle is not removed during the 10-day compliance period, the police chief has the right to take possession of the junked vehicle and remove it from the property.

Notices must be sent to the registered owner and the property owner about the vehicle's impounding and storing.

An appraisal is necessary before the vehicle can be sold at a public sale, or it may be disposed of should the appraised value be less than \$75. A 30-day notice of the public sale is required.

A seized vehicle can be redeemed by the owner prior to its sale or destruction by paying removal and advertising expenses and storage fees.

A lien also can be placed against the property from which the vehicle was removed for unrecovered expenses, and a \$200 fine can be levied upon conviction for each violation, the ordinance states.

The measure also prohibits the storage, repair or dismantling of vehicles on public or private property for in excess of 72 hours.

Vehicles enclosed in a building on private property or held in connection with a licensed business enterprise are exempted from the ordinance.

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Thursday, June 20, 1963

Monroe Worthen, a member of the Granite City school board, was named by the board Tuesday night to his second one-year term as non-salaried school treasurer.

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Madison County Board votes down health department

EDWARDSVILLE — The Madison County Board on June 15 voted 20-6 not to establish a countywide health department.

Board Member Harold Byers proposed that the county — the largest in Illinois still without a health department — establish the department.

A second proposal, offered by Board Member Richard Worthen, would have required the County Board to review the health department every three

years. It lost 19-7, with Fred Dalton switching his no vote to yes.

Board member Don Garrett of Madison said the board showed a lack of compassion for children and families who might benefit from a health department.

"No issue is more important to the citizens of this county than a health department," Garrett said.

Opponents of the health

department have argued that the services already are provided by private agencies in the county.

"We will politicize health care if we approve either resolution. We do not need this," said Board Member Bill Haine, Democratic nominee for state's attorney.

"Let the agencies which do the work do it without interference from government," he urged.

Board Member Robert Stille, Edwardsville Township supervi-

sor, who also opposes creation of a health department, has circulated petitions to have the issue placed on the Nov. 8 ballot as a referendum.

He said 500 people had signed the petitions in the past 10 days. The petitions need 6,000 signatures before the issue would be put on the ballot.

Stille said 44 counties of the 102 in Illinois created a health department by referendum and 33 by county ordinance.

A new health department would have assumed jurisdiction over the county tuberculosis program.

The health department would have had an appointed board of eight members. The tuberculosis board would have been abolished.

Stille said, "The only thing we don't have now that a health department would provide is food inspections."

The department would have

been supported by a tax rate of up to 2.5 cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

Byers told the board a health department would have cost \$633,000 in its first year but that most of the money would have come from the state government. He said he thinks the proposal now is dead, adding, "I don't even expect it to get on the ballot."



(Photo by Marvin L. McGee)
VOLUNTEERS from the United Way allocations committee are shown visiting Catholic Charities in Granite City for a study and review of its programs and services.

Allocations help assure effective services by United Way agencies

"To give away money is an easy matter and in anyone's power. But to decide to whom to give it, and how large and when, and for what purpose and how, is neither in everyone's power nor an easy matter. Hence it is that such excellence is rare, praiseworthy and noble."

Aristotle

Allocations volunteers experience every aspect of the quotation above.

This year, 25 volunteers will spend countless hours working to allocate the United Way's scarce resources to agencies requesting funds.

These unique volunteers will take up the task of making the tough decisions necessary to distribute funds to the agencies that provide programs that meet the community's needs.

These volunteers represent the social fabric of the Tri-Cities Area United Way community. They may be postal workers, homemakers, bank executives, secretaries, teachers, salesmen, attorneys or accountants.

Together, they are asked to

act as the conscience of the community and they take their job seriously.

Allocations volunteers consider their work as being "behind the scenes." Actually, their decisions create the directions of programs and support for United Way's member agencies.

Volunteers are divided into five allocations panels. Each panel reviews three to five agencies. Being a panel member entails:

- 1) Attending an orientation training meeting to learn about United Way's guidelines and procedures;
- 2) Reading 5-10 pages of budget and program information from each agency;
- 3) Visiting each agency assigned, touring the facilities and hearing a presentation made by the agency's volunteer leadership; and
- 4) Making decisions as to which programs should be funded and in what amount.

In the "give and take" of the allocations process, volunteer recommendations are paramount

and demonstrate the influence that citizens possess in deciding how contributions are spent.

The following are members of the 1988 Allocations Committee: Pat Allen, Everett Bullock, R. Bush, Paul Costello, Ralph Hausmann, Larry Hoff, Pat Jacobs, Sue Larshach, Orville Mercer, George Moore, John Novaria, Elinor Null, Frank Preloger, Jerry Reed, Linda Reish, Gary Reynolds, Pat Rigney, Joe Rosales, Mike Schultz, George Smith, Valerie Thaxton, Ralph Totten, Larry Wiegand, Beulah Williams and Lucretia Wright.

For more information regarding the allocations process, or to find out how to become an allocations volunteer, readers may contact Janet Quarten, executive director, at the United Way office, 877-6780.

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VP fireworks will be best yet, organizers say

Organizers of the VP Fair expect this year's fireworks spectaculars, scheduled to close each day's activities July 2, 3 and 4, to be the most dazzling in the history of the fair.

The fireworks Saturday, July 2, and Sunday, July 3, will be accompanied by choreographed music broadcast over loudspeakers located below and at the top of the steps of the Gateway Arch. A spectacular fireworks finale will close the fair on Monday, July 4, featuring 23 scenes originating from four different firing sites.

For the third year each evening's show will be sponsored by the *Suburban Journals*.

Ken Marshall, VP Fair fireworks chairman, says this year's productions will top the widely-praised displays of previous fairs.

"Because we're using different producers on various nights, each show should have a look and style all its own," Marshall said.

The July 2 fireworks display will begin at 10:30 p.m. following an ABC-TV television special. The opening of the fireworks will include the "Olympic Theme" by John Williams and will feature a wide variety of colors and styles. It will be the first of 14 scenes choreographed to music.

Scene four will be set to James Bond theme music and will be highlighted by unusual purple colors bursting from candles into stars as sparks light dot the sky.

Another novel sight will be a fiesta scene showcasing many styles of exploding shells while accompanied by Latin music.

An "Over the Rainbow" scene will feature large candles and shells with tails that will form a rainbow over the Mississippi River to "Tunnel of Love" by Bruce Springsteen.

The fireworks show July 3 will start at 9:30 p.m. and feature traditional patriotic music. This show will contain 14 different scenes including an opening fan-

fare and traditional finale.

Highlights will be a "Golden Comet" scene featuring golden-colored shells with tails, changing to red and blue in a final burst of color. Another crowd-pleasing scene from last year will be repeated as a silver ballet of long-tailed shells arches into the riverfront sky before transforming itself into a scene of silver palm trees.

Monday's fireworks finale will begin at 9:30 p.m. with rockets being fired from four sites: barges floating on the river centered on the Gateway Arch, and three locations on the east river bank. The opening scene will include a barrage of 206 shells fired from all four locations.

Other scene highlights will be "Golden Tails," with special large "Chrysanthemum" shells with rising gold tails; the "Night Sky Spider" scene, featuring gold and white spider web shells breaking over the river; and climbing pillars, a perennial crowd favorite consisting of

long, vertical, gold-tailed shells with a colored shell bursting on top.

The grand finale will feature shells never before seen in St. Louis, shot from the four locations. Entitled "The Grand Illusion," the spectacular will include more than 1,000 shells guaranteed to light up the St. Louis skyline from the Eads Bridge to the Poplar Street Bridge.

Rozzi of Cincinnati will produce the fireworks shows July 2 and 3. Sunset Fireworks of St. Louis will produce the fair's finale July 4.

Because musical accompaniment has been such a popular component of recent VP Fairs, KMOX Radio will broadcast the July 3 show so that spectators not situated near the loudspeakers on the Arch grounds can enjoy the music.

VP Fair organizers expect between 750,000 and one million spectators to view this year's fireworks displays.

Surplus food will be distributed Wednesday and Thursday

Officials in Chouteau, Nameoki, and Venice Townships and at the Salvation Army have announced that surplus government commodities will be distributed this month.

Distribution dates are June 22 or 23, depending on the township, officials said. Chouteau Township, which held a distribution last week, has more commodities now available.

Commodities will include processed cheese, rice, butter, dry milk, honey, cornmeal and flour. The rice, dry milk, honey, cornmeal and flour are all in short supply and persons will be asked to take their choice of one.

All products will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis by ticket number received at the door.

The Salvation Army, 3007 E. 23rd St., will conduct its distribu-

tion of surplus food to Granite City Township residents Wednesday, June 22, starting at 8 a.m.

Venice Township will give out commodities at 8 a.m. Wednesday, June 22, at Engelbert Hall, 10th Street and Washington Avenue. Madison Township officials said commodities will be given only at the hall and recipients must present a signed affidavit before receiving the commodities.

Nameoki Township will give out commodities starting at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 22, at the township building, 4250 Illinois 162.

Chouteau Township officials, who held a distribution June 16, have announced that eligible residents who have not yet picked up their June allotments may do so Wednesday or Thursday, June 22 and 23. All products will be

given out on a first-come, first-served basis, beginning at 9 a.m. each day and continuing through 4 p.m. at the Chouteau Township Social Center, 906 N. Thorngate Drive.

To be eligible to receive commodities, persons must be residents of the township where they are receiving the food. They must be the head of a household or the spouse, have their Social Security number, and sign an affidavit that their total household income is within the guidelines.

Recipients are to bring some proof of residency other than a drivers license or voter registration card. An unpaid utility bill, a property tax statement, a current rent receipt with the address or a public aid card or medical card is adequate, officials said.

Monthly income guidelines are as follows: one-person family, \$573; two in the family, \$771; three persons, \$969; four persons, \$1,167; five persons, \$1,365; six persons, \$1,563; seven persons, \$1,760; eight persons, \$1,958; and \$198 for each additional member of the household.

Officials said that honey should not be given to children younger than 18 months of age.

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Thanks to all our friends and neighbors in Hills Terrace for all their love and support.

Special thanks to the pallbearers and Father William Fisher, Keller for his comforting words.

A very special thanks to Randy Irwin and staff for making our time of grief a little easier to bear.

Again our heartfelt thanks to each and everyone for any kindness shown us.

Minnie Camacho and children, Mary Camacho Schmitt and family (later), Josephine Camacho Hogue and family (later).

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LEADERSHIP PROGRAM attracted 46 Granite City teen-agers June 7. The program was designed to provide them with information and incentive to help their school and community carry out alcohol/drug abuse prevention activities for the preteen age group. From left to right are, front row, Gerald Slattery, Nikki Keeton, Kim Hammers and Eric Milles; second row, Nicole Zelenka, Kyle Braundmeyer, Carlisle Smith and Misty Reagan; third row, Lori Harris, Catherine Alexander, Mindy Stephens and Erika Wheatley; back row, Andrea Valencia, Jodi Melzer, Travis Terrell and Jenny Rudy. Unable to be in the picture was Mrs. Jolene Terrell, a Granite City School Board member. The event was sponsored by Plaza Health Care in cooperation with Harry A. Briggs Jr., Madison County regional superintendent of schools, InTouch and the Region 16 Educational Service Center.

Reception for Gaffner

State Sen. Frank Watson and State Rep. Ron Stephens held a PAC (political action committee) reception for Congressional candidate Robert Gaffner June 17 at the Springfield Ramada Inn.

Gaffner said, "I'm pleased by the strong support we're receiving from our elected officials. It's good to know that people like Frank and Ron are solidly behind my candidacy, particularly in areas such as fund-raising."

MFT funds OK'd for village street project

By Valerie Evenden
Staff writer

PONTOON BEACH—Five streets in the village will be resurfaced with Motor Fuel Tax funds, it was decided at the June 14 Board of Trustees' meeting.

Scheduled for oiling and chipping work are Oakridge Drive and Luehmann and Perigan lanes, all located off Illinois 162, and Nicholas and Nelson drives, off Park Lane.

A supplemental street maintenance resolution authorizing \$10,573 in MFT funds to pay for the work was adopted by the board.

The maintenance job will be performed by Nameoki Township's highway department when the township schedules its own oil and chip road projects, Mayor Glen Wilson said.

The Madison County Sanitary Sewer District also is planning

to replace some sewer lines on Iris Avenue in Quiet Valley Subdivision, Gene Futch, district superintendent, told the board.

The project will take place June 25. Installing the new line will take several hours and affect six houses, Futch said.

The village is repurchasing an acre of land from the county sewer district. A temporary office was located on the site until the district constructed a

permanent structure in Mitchell. The property fronts the east side of the 4100 block of Illinois 111 and is being re-acquired at the original selling price of \$14,500.

An initial down payment of \$5,000 in March will be followed by a second payment of \$5,000 this month, Village Clerk Mary Warren said. The third and final payment of \$4,500 will be made in June 1989.

Interchange to close Monday

The Illinois Department of Transportation has announced ramps at the Illinois 3-110 15th interchange will be closed during daytime hours in order to remove and replace deteriorated portions of the pavement.

A detour has been set up which utilizes the frontage road at the northeast corner of the interchange. The ramps will be opened for nighttime traffic.

The restriction is scheduled for June 20 to approximately July 1.

The purpose of this project is to increase the safety and durability of this section of road by repairing damaged sections of pavement.

Motorists are advised to exercise caution while traveling through the construction zone.

Fire damages historic home in Mitchell; arsonist blamed

Arsonists set a fire that heavily damaged one of the oldest homes in Mitchell June 14, Fire Chief Lee Paul said.

The home in the 700 block of Old Alton Road is at least 100 years old, and ownership of the property has been traced to a land grant issued by President James Monroe between 1816 and 1824, owner Al Pritchett said.

Mitchell firefighters got the call at 1 p.m., Paul said.

He said fire investigators found at least six places where something had been poured in the house and ignited by an intruder. Tests are being con-

ducted to determine what that substance was, he said.

"Some of the areas just burned themselves out, but the ones near the kitchen caught fire," Paul said.

The home, which Pritchett said he had been trying to sell, was vacant except for a dog. The dog escaped the flames through a "doggie door," Paul said.

Pritchett said the home had once been an area showcase because of its Princess Anne exterior.

"It was a beautiful home. It had fancy wooden window panes and wooden animals all

around it, at one time," Pritchett said.

He said the house could be rebuilt, and he hopes someone interested in home rehabilitation will buy the home.

"It's got some beautiful old woodwork. I don't think the living room was damaged, other than smoke, and that can be cleaned," Pritchett said.

The house was once part of a 5 1/2-acre dairy farm, Pritchett said.

Paul said the extent of the damage had not been determined.

Park district plans 3-day trip to Kentucky

The Granite City Park District will sponsor the third three-day trip of the season on July 22, 23 and 24 when the horse country of Louisville and Lexington, Ky., will be visited.

The group will leave early Friday, July 22, and be in Louisville in time to tour the Louisville Slugger baseball bat factory and the Phillip Morris cigarette factory. An ice cream stop will be made between the tours.

Reservations are at the Galt House on the river for the three-day visit. The group will be officially greeted by a hotel representative and a coffee farewell also will be provided.

Early Saturday, the bus will depart for Lexington and a visit

at the Horse Park, where admission includes a walking farm tour, International Museum of the Horse, Parade of Breeds and stabling areas, with a free park shuttle service.

Lunch will be served at the Horse Park before journeying to Shaker Village at Pleasant Hill.

Upon the return to the Louisville area, dinner will be served at the Claudia Sanders Restaurant, Shelbyville, where fried chicken will be the entree along with eight vegetables, a salad and beverage. Claudia Sanders is the widow of Col. Harland Sanders, founder of the Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant chain. Saturday evening is a leisure time for the travelers.

After the group checks out at the Galt House Hotel on Sunday, July 24, a guide will conduct a tour of Louisville, ending at the Kentucky Derby Museum at Churchill Downs. Visitors may walk around the infield or paddock area of the track and the resident thoroughbred area, with a stop at the museum and gift shop.

Sunday lunch will be a buffet brunch at Masterson's Restaurant, across from the University of Louisville campus.

The cost of the trip includes the bus fare, hotel fee, entrance to the Horse Farm, the Shaker-town tour, the meal at Claudia Sanders' Restaurant, brunch at Masterson's, the tour of Louis-

ville and the tour of Churchill Downs.

For a single room, the charge is \$153.29; two to a room, \$131.39 each; three to a room, \$113.64 each; and four to a room, \$105.96.

The entire amount must be paid upon making reservations, which will be accepted starting at 8 a.m. Wednesday, June 22.

Proof of residence in the park district must be presented for each person and no one can make more than four reservations.

Non-residents wishing to make the trip will be placed on a waiting list.

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Glasper urges parents to attend Venice PTA meetings, functions

VENICE—Parents in the district appear to be apathetic when it comes to PTA meetings, Board of Education President Wilbert Glasper said June 9.

Glasper said attendance at the meetings and PTA functions is continually poor.

"We still can't get parents to come out to the PTA," Glasper said. "We need more parent participation. I don't know how we're going to change that."

Glasper said a recent PTA function drew only a handful of parents.

"We had an adult sex course designed to teach how parents

can handle the topic of sex with their kids, and there were only about six adults there," he said.

Grade School Principal Seth Kirkpatrick said the PTA has offered incentives to attract parents, such as giving a reward to children in the class that had the most parents at PTA meetings. The plan didn't work.

"We had to stop doing it because the same parents kept showing up," Kirkpatrick said.

Kirkpatrick said parents are always invited to the meetings, but rarely show up.

"We've tried verbal contact, letters, calling them, and they

say, 'We'll be there, but they never show up,' he said. "We just don't know what else to do."

Superintendent Charles McCaskill suggested giving awards to parents who attend the meetings, but Glasper said the few parents who already attend the meetings would end up with all the awards.

"The question is, how do we go about attracting those parents who have never been to a meeting?" Glasper said. "We always see those people we don't need to see."

Menus

Senior Citizens
Monday - Spaghetti with meat sauce, chef salad, french bread, fruit cocktail.

Tuesday - Ham and cheese sandwich, baked beans, pickle spears, fresh fruit, ice cream treat.

Wednesday - Cube steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, sliced pears.

Thursday - Roast pork, scalloped potatoes, chef salad, apple sauce.

Friday - Meat loaf, rice, pilaf, green beans, pineapple.

Calendar

"Wiakli," the Festival of Wreaths, will be celebrated Sunday, June 26, from noon to 8 p.m. in Kiener Plaza, Seventh and Market streets, St. Louis.

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Studying

FINALS WEEK. — Students at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale studied around-the-clock to get ready for final exams. These engineering students were hitting the books before a final in engineering economics. From left are Wade Hefner, a junior in mechanical engineering from 4824 Warnock Ave., Granite City, and Denise Horton, from Albion. Hefner is the son of Lloyd and Ruby Hefner. School ended May 14.

SEMC owners elect Superior

In an election held by the Sisters of Divine Providence, owners of St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City, Sr. Stephanie Turck was elected House Superior for the next three years and Sr. Mary Louise Moser will be her assistant.

"We will be responsible for carrying out the decisions made by the convent," Sr. Stephanie said. "We will schedule meetings and coordinate activities in which the sisters participate. We will also be responsible for keeping a line of communication open with the Motherhouse," which is in Normandy, Mo.

"It was a really nice surprise," said Sr. Mary Louise. "I'm very pleased, but (the position) carries a lot of responsibility with it."

Bar Association elects officers

GRANITE CITY — The Madison County Bar Association has elected Thomas A. Hill as its president, Terrence V. O'Leary vice president, Duane L. Bailey secretary and Mary E. Massa treasurer.

The County Bar is a professional association of 225 attorneys who live or practice in Madison County.

Hill practices law in Highland. A cum laude graduate of the John Marshall Law School (1975) and an engineering graduate of the University of Illinois (1970), he is a former president of the Tri-City Bar Association and a member of the Illinois State and American bar associations, as well as the Trial Lawyers Association and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America.

Hill resides in Highland with his wife, Bonnie, and their four children.

O'Leary practices law in Granite City with the firm of Morris B. Chapman & Associates Ltd. He is a graduate of St. Louis University and St. Louis University Law School.

O'Leary is a member of the Illinois, Missouri, Metropolitan St. Louis and American bar associations, the Illinois and Missouri trial lawyers associations, the Association of Trial Lawyers of America and the American Judicature Society.

Bailey is currently director of student legal services at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. He formerly served as assistant Madison County state's attorney. A graduate of Northwestern Law School and Illinois State University, he is a member of the Illinois State Bar.

Massa is associated with the Alton law firm of Thomas, Motz, Eastman and Sherwood. She is a 1985 graduate of Southern Illinois University. Her professional affiliations include the Illinois, American and Alton-Wood River bar associations.

Bi-State approves non-transit operating budgets totaling \$3.2 million

The Bi-State Development Agency board at its June 10 meeting approved non-transit operating budgets totaling \$3,221,081, with revenues of \$5,331,165 anticipated for fiscal year 1989, which begins July 1.

1988. This projects total operating income before depreciation of \$2,110,084.

The non-transit division of Bi-State include the Gateway Arch Transportation System, St. Louis Downtown Parks Airport at

Cahokia, the Arch Parking Garage and the "Agency," which combines the Executive Office, Port Development and Special Projects.

Funding for the various activities is separate from Bi-State

Transit sources of revenues, and each entity is self-supporting. The non-transit budgets are: Arch tram, \$1,357,396; Airport, \$440,898; Arch garage, \$472,154; Agency, \$950,635.

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Mondale urges reform of primary selection process

WASHINGTON — Former Vice President Walter F. Mondale, saying the presidential primary selection process "cries out for reform," told a Senate panel June 7 that Congress should establish regional primaries to curb the influence of Iowa and New Hampshire voters.

"The people of Iowa and New Hampshire enjoy an influence far disproportionate to their numbers," the Minnesota Democrat told the Senate Rules Committee. "I do not believe that parties can reform the system sufficiently by themselves and thus legislation is needed."

Mondale, testifying on Capitol Hill for the first time since leav-

ing office in 1981, urged the committee to support a regional primary law being proposed by Illinois Democratic Sen. Alan Dixon.

The bill was introduced last October and since then has picked up potentially key supporters such as Mondale, the 1984 Democratic presidential nominee; Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore.; and Sen. John Breaux, D-La., Dixon said.

"I suspect (the bill) would have a good chance in the Senate. I don't know about the whole Congress," Dixon said after testifying with Mondale.

Both Mondale and Dixon said Iowa and New Hampshire voters

play too big a role in the nominating process because they go to the polls before the rest of the country and, for that reason alone, attract excessive media attention.

"Together, these states only account for 2 percent of this country's total population. Yet, the impact of a vote cast in these states greatly outweighs the impact of votes cast in the other 98 percent of the country," Dixon said.

Seeing the Iowa and New Hampshire examples, other states have begun to hold their primaries as early as possible in the presidential election year, the most notable example being

the March 8 Super Tuesday primary, Dixon said.

"Over 30 states now hold their primaries before the end of March," Dixon said. "The states are crowding their primary dates closer and closer together. The system is becoming increasingly frontloaded."

Dixon's bill would create six multistate regions and give the Federal Election Commission power to select by lot the region to hold the first primary. The remaining primary dates would be picked in similar random fashion.

Although a state could decline to participate, no state could break from the region and hold

a primary on a separate date. The Justice Department could bring civil action against wayward states, Dixon said.

The regional primaries would be stretched out over a 12-week period beginning on the last Tuesday in March and ending on the second Tuesday in June. The bill would ban crossover voting — the practice in some states where Republicans can vote in a Democratic primary, or the reverse.

Under Dixon's bill, Illinois would belong to an eight-state region including Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

states that much to hold their primaries on a given date," he said.

Dixon said he proposed the law because he didn't see the parties making any progress.

"The leaders from Iowa and New Hampshire build irresistible pressure on the candidates to support the present system. The candidates inevitably relent, leaving the national committees powerless to act."

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Mishap on Nameoki Road
Duane S. Birks, Bethalto, and a passenger in his car, Robert C. Kirkover, 3 Violet Ave., Pontoon Beach, were injured and went to St. Elizabeth Medical Center to be examined after their northbound car was struck from the rear while stopped at a red traffic light on Nameoki Road at Johnson Road at 1:25 a.m. June 11.

While Birks was calling police, the driver of the second car left the scene, a witness told officers.

Stereo stolen from auto
Richard Cigelski, 1310 Kirkpatrick Homes, reported June 10 that a stereo radio was stolen from his car while the vehicle was parked at 23rd Street and Washington Avenue on June 4.

Driver, passenger hurt
Anita C. Lindsay, 29, 4545 Walter Ave., and a passenger in her car, Cindy Douglas, 22, 900 Greenwood St., Madison, sustained minor injuries June 10 when Lindsay's car was struck from the rear while she was waiting to turn onto Illinois 162 from Maryville Road. Driver of the second car was Howard E. Colp, 67, 4742 Vincent Ave.

Pontoon Beach

Motorcyclist injured
Edward P. Hopfinger, 29, Washington Park, was injured at 9 p.m. June 11 when his westbound motorcycle struck the median on Illinois 162, near the Interstate 255 interchange. Hopfinger, who suffered a head injury, was taken by ambulance to St. Elizabeth Medical Center and later was transferred to St. Louis University Hospital, St. Louis.

Madison police

Boy takes woman's dog
A 15-year-old Venice boy allegedly stole a dog belonging to Ruth Appony, 1603 Fourth St., and rode off on a bicycle with it. The officer who responded to the call knew the residence of a juvenile suspected of stealing other dogs, ostensibly for sale to an animal laboratory. The officer drove to the 500 block of Meridiana Street, Venice, saw the suspect with the dog, named Spot, and arrested him with the help of a Venice officer. The boy was charged with theft under \$300 value.

use his truck's citizen band radio. She then grabbed his wallet containing \$120 and fled.

City van vandalized
Somebody slashed two tires of a City of Madison Alarm Division van at about 1:10 a.m. June 13 while the van was parked at 1529 Third St. near the police station.

Warrant arrest made
Jimmy Carl Peters, 36, Cahokia, was arrested June 13 in the 400 block of McCambridge Avenue on a Collinsville warrant alleging contempt of court. The original charge was for a traffic violation.

Refund in mailbox stolen
Brian Papp, 1802 Fourth St., told police somebody stole his income tax refund check from his mailbox May 31 or June 1. The Internal Revenue Service regional staff in Kansas City reported someone tried unsuccessfully to cash the check at the Madison Currency Exchange, 2127 Edwardsville Road.

Revoked license alleged
James E. Harvey, 33, 1212 Rhodes St., was arrested last week for allegedly driving on a revoked Missouri driver license.

Arrested twice at scene
Joseph W. Baker, 20, 1713 Rhodes St., was arrested the evening of June 4 for peace disturbance when he allegedly stood outside 222 Washington Ave., harassing the occupant.

Released the next morning, he was told by police to stay away from the address; he was arrested again shortly after midnight June 6 at the same address and was charged with disobeying a police officer.

Arrest made in car theft
Michael H. Schwarberg, 20, Muncie, Ind., was seen by police the evening of June 1 allegedly trying to siphon gasoline from a car in the 1700 block of Fourth Street. Police allegedly had seen him leave another car. When they ran a computer check on that car's license plates, they discovered it

had been reported stolen by a Springfield, Ohio, man. Schwarberg was arrested and charged with car theft.

Boys beat sleeping man
Dennis A. Lakin, 28, told police he was kicked and punched by up to eight juveniles in a field near his residence at 1661 Third St. at about 1:30 a.m. June 9. Lakin said he had been working on his residence and had lain down and fallen asleep in the field when he was awakened by the group of teen-age boys and girls who were chasing his dog across the field. Lakin was kicked and hit in the head, face and back and was taken to St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Rifles, shotguns stolen
David A. Williams, 1009 Madison Ave., told police someone entered the back door of his residence and took six rifles, a revolver and two shotguns in the afternoon of June 4.

Church

New Salem Missionary plans bus trip to Houston church

The New Salem Missionary Baptist Church, Venice, will sponsor a trip to Houston to the Pleasant Green Baptist Church.

The group will participate in services there Sunday, July 23. The trip will include a four-hour tour of Texas. Participants will travel by Greyhound bus service.

The bus will leave from the church about 12:30 a.m. Friday, July 29, and arrive in Houston at 5 p.m. Participants will stay in Texas for three nights and four days at the Houston East Best Western Motel, about 12 miles from downtown Houston.

Each motel room will be double occupancy. There will be no additional charge for children staying with their parents.

Parents will be responsible for their own children. All parents will be required to ride the bus with their children. No children will be allowed to attend the trip unless an adult will accept responsibility. The bus fare for each child will be \$80 for those up to 18 years old. Those older will pay adult fare.

Prices will be: two adults in a room, \$132.50 each; one adult and one child, \$95; and one adult and two children, \$315. For those driving on their own, the motel cost for the trip will be \$80.

For more information, people should contact Charles Collins, 451-2132; Janice Franklin, 451-2118; Annie Blockton, 876-2720; or Sandra Williams, 451-9122.

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